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LIMDIS VISAS INFORM CONSULS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CVIS, PINS, TH

SUBJECT: COUNTERFEIT THAI PASSPORTS

REFERENCE: BANGKOK 9845 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY BANGKOK REPORTS THAT IT HAS LEARNED OF COUNTER-
FEITING RING WHICH IS PRODUCING THAI REGULAR PASSPORTS.
ACCORDING TO EMBASSY, COUNTERFEIT PASSPORTS ARE VERY GOOD
REPRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL.

2. EMBASSY BANGKOK HAS EXAMINED SPECIMEN OF COUNTERFIET
PASSPORT AND PASSES ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN DISTINGUISH-
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ING COUNTERFEIT FROM REAL PASSPORT:

A) ON THE FRONT COVER THE LETTERS OF WORD "PASSPORT" ON
THE BOTTOM LINE TEND TO BE SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN THE REAL
ARTICLE, MOREOVER, THE R AND T ALMOST TOUCH. SECONDLY, THE
DETAIL OF GARUDA FIGURE TENDS NOT TO BE AS DISTINCT AS
THE GENUINE ARTICLE.

B) SIMILARLY, ON PAGE ONE, THE GARUDA IS INDISTINCT OR
BLOTTED IN THE CENTER.

C) ON PAGE TWO THE STRAIGHT LINE UNDER THE PHRASE "UNLESS
EXTENDED" HAS A SLIGHT IMPERFECTION.

D) ON PAGE 4, IN THE PHRASE "COUNTRIES FOR WHICH THIS
PASSPORT IS VALID" THE "O" IN "FOR" OF THE COUNTERFEIT
DOCUMENT IS CLEAR WHEREAS IN THE GENUINE PASSPORT THE "O"
IS SOLID; MOREOVER, THE "S" IN "THIS" IS SLIGHTLY LARGER
THAN THE "S" IN THE GENUINE ARTICLE.

E) POST ATTEMPTED TO ANALYZE PAPER STOCK OF COUNTERFEIT
PASSPORTS AS COMPARED TO VALID PASSPORTS. COUNTERFEIT
PASSPORTS HAVE PAPER STOCK WHICH FLOURESCES. NEW FORMAT
PASSPORTS (1976) DO NOT FLOURESCES. HOWEVER, OLD FORMAT
PASSPORTS DO FLOURESCES. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT FRAUD RING
OBTAINED SUPPLY OF OLD FORMAT PAPER. POSTS SHOULD BE
CAREFUL IN USING BLACK LIGHT TECHNIQUES AS THE SOLE
DETERMINATION OF COUNTERFEIT DOCUMENTS.

3. POSTS WILL BE KEPT INFORMED AS FURTHER DETAILS DEVELOP
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